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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Piper, Todd E. GROUP ART NO: 1638
SERIAL NO: 09/491,910 EXAMINER: Mehta, A.
FILED: January 24, 2000
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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provision of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application for one month from December 18, 2001 to January 18, 2002.

Applicant is a large entity; therefore, a check in the amount of \$110.00 for one month is enclosed to cover the cost of the extension.

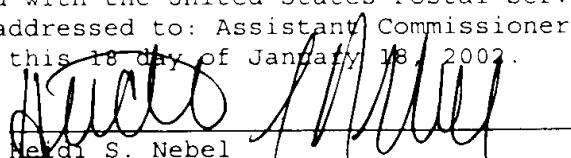
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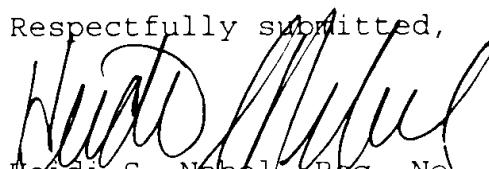
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Respectfully submitted,



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